COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 404/94

of 24 February 1994

introducing a countervailing charge on artichokes originating in Egypt

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3669/93 (2), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 27 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that, if the entry price of a product imported from a third country remains at least ECU 0,6 below the reference price for two consecutive market days, a countervailing charge must be introduced in respect of the exporting country concerned, save in exceptional circumstances; whereas this charge is equal to the difference between the reference price and the arithmetic mean of the last two entry prices available for that exporting country;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2931/93 of 25 October 1993 fixing for the 1993/94 marketing year the reference prices for artichokes (3) fixed the reference price for products of class I for the period 1 January to 30 April 1994 at ECU 79,35 per 100 kilograms net;

Whereas the entry price for a given exporting country is equal to the lowest representative prices recorded for at least 30 % of the quantities from the exporting country concerned which are marketed on all representative markets for which prices are available less the duties and the charges indicated in Article 24 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72; whereas the meaning of representative price is defined in Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2118/74 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 249/93 (5), the prices to be taken into consideration must be recorded on the representative markets or, in certain circumstances, on other markets;

Whereas, for artichokes originating in Egypt the entry price calculated in this way has remained at least ECU 0,6 below the reference price for two consecutive market days; whereas a countervailing charge should therefore be introduced for these artichokes;

Whereas the representative market rates defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 (6), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3528/93 (7), are used to convert amounts expressed in third country currencies and are used as the basis for determining the agricultural conversion rates of the Member States' currencies; whereas detailed rules on the application and determination of these conversions were set by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 (8),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A countervailing charge of ECU 1,38 per 100 kilograms net is applied to artichokes (CN code 0709 10 00) originating in Egypt.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 26 February 1994.

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 338, 31. 12. 1993, p. 26.
(3) OJ No L 265, 26. 10. 1993, p. 10.
(4) OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 28, 5. 2. 1993, p. 45.
(6) OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 320, 22. 12. 1993, p. 32.
(8) OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1994.

For the Commission

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